



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**  
MARCH 2, 2005

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota citizens are committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for the jobs of the future and their ability to compete in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Education Association is sponsoring Read Across America Day to celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of Dr. Seuss and promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that children who read and are read to do better in school and develop a lifelong passion for the joys of reading; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Education Association is working with other literacy, youth and civic groups throughout the state to get parents, teachers and communities involved in promoting the excitement and importance of reading on this day and every day; and

**WHEREAS**, all North Dakotans are encouraged to ensure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on this day and to remain committed to the programs and activities that make our children proficient readers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2, 2005, **NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State